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1. AT HIS REQUEST, MISOFF GLENNON MET WITH COUNSELOR VLADIMIR PAVICEVIC, YUGO UN MISSION. MEETING TOOK PLACE AT UN AFTERNOON FEB 16, 1978. PAVICEVIC MADE LOW-KEY INFORMAL PLEA THAT USUN PURSUE WITH DEPT DISPOSITION OF YUGO REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGES TO THEIR MISSION AND HOSPITAL BILLS AND COMPENSATION FOR MEDIC. PAVICEVIC SAID HE HAD DISCUSSION WITH HIS AMB AND THEY DECIDED AGAINST FORMALIZING REQUEST ONCE AGAIN WITH AN OFFICIAL NOTE TO USUN. PAVICEVIC REFERRED TO UPCOMING VISIT OF MARSHAL TITO AND INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH HIS AMB DID NOT EXPECT TITO TO RAISE MATTER AMB PETRIC WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM TITO THAT MATTER HAD BEEN STTLED. PAVICEVIC KWENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WOULD CREATE A GREAT DEAL OF GOODWILL FOR US WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA IF A SUITABLE SETTLEMENT WAS PAID MEDIC FOR HIS INJURIES AND SUFFERING. HE CLAIMED THIS WOULD BE STRICTLY AN EX GRATIA PAYMENT. ACCORDING TO PAVICEVIC, MEDIC IS PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED KAT A SPA IN BELGRADE IN PREPARATION FOR

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A SPINAL OPERATION WHICH HE MUST UNDERGO. HTIS OPERATION WILL BE PERFORMED IN LONDON AHICH IS ONE OF TWO SITES IN EUROPE WHERE IT CAN BE DONE, THE OTHER BEING SWEDEN. PAVICEVIC DESCRIBED MEDIC'S PRESENT CONDITION AS "BAD." HE SAID HE CAN ONLY WALK WITH AID OF TWO CANES, AND IS IN CONSTANT PAIN. HE SPOKE OF MEDIC AS A POOR MAN WITH ONLY A VERY SMALL GOVERNMENT PENSION TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

2. MISOFF PROMISED TO INFORM DEPT. HOWEVER, IT WAS EXPLAINED TO PAVICEVIC THAT WE ARE STILL AWAITING A LETTER WHICH YUGO MISSION PROMISED TO OBTAIN FROM AMERICAN DOCTOR WHO TREATED MEDIC DURING HIS LONG PERIOD OF HOSPITALIZATION IN NEW YORK CITY. DELAY BY YUGO MISSION IN OBTAINING THIS WAS ONE REASON USG UNABLE TO PROPERLY APPRAISE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT. PAVICEVIC PROMISED TO GET LETTER. WHEN RECEIVED LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED DEPT.

3. FOR AMEMB BELGRADE: COMMENTS ON MEDIC'S CONDITION, IF AVAILABLE, COULD BE HELPFUL.

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